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Re: Utility Patent Application – Small Entity Status
Our File No.: 41556/04009 (RSI1P022)
Invention: MODIFIED SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A COMMUNICATION
FRAMEWORK IN A SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
ARCHITECTURE
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Dear Sir:

We are enclosing for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office the above-referenced patent application. The inventors have assigned their rights to Restaurant Services, Inc. ("RSI"). This application is being filed informally on behalf of RSI without declaration, power of attorney or assignments, receipt of which we are awaiting from the inventors and assignee. The application as filed does include the required specification, claims and drawings necessary to obtain a serial number and filing date, pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.53(b). The applicants claim Small Entity Status. The necessary declaration, assignment, power of attorney, and formal drawings will be filed subsequently, pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.53(f).

The undersigned is submitting herewith the following as attorney for assignee RSI, and as agent therefor:

1. Patent Application Transmittal.
2. Application for United States Letters Patent (specification and claims).
3. 190 sheets of drawing(s).
4. Our check in the amount of \$ 355.00 to cover the filing fees.
5. Self-addressed postal card.

We request that you return the self-addressed postal card to this office indicating the filing date and serial number of this application.

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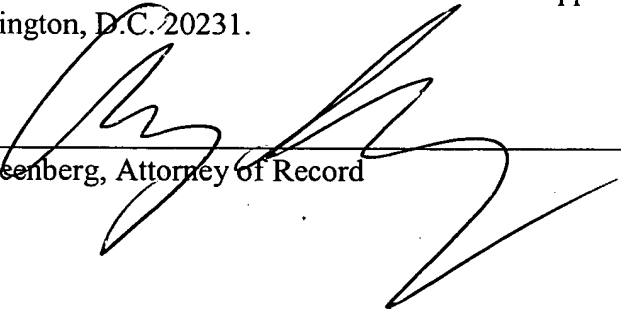
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